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1. JAPANESE COMMITTEE FOR REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON AMERICAN STUDIES HAS CONSIDERED PROPOSAL FOR NEIL HARRIS TO SUBSTITUTE FOR SEYMOUR LIPSET, AND HAVE CONCLUDED THAT HARRIS DOES NOT MEET THEIR NEEDS FOR A SOCIOLOGIST. HARRIS IS HISTORIAN, AND THEY ALREADY HAVE TOO MANY HISTORIANS. THEY HAD ASKED LIPSET TO COMMENT ON THE IMPACT OF AMERICAN CIVILIZATION OVERSEAS, AND THEY HOPE FOR SOMEONE THAT CAN DO THAT BROADLY. THEY HAVE DRAWN UP A LIST OF REQUESTED SUBSTITUTES IN PRIORITY ORDER, AS FOLLOWS: NATHAN GLAZER, HARVARD; ROBERT LIFTON, YALE; REUEL DENNEY, HAWAII. ONLY IF NONE OF THESE THREE IS AVAILABLE WOULD THEY CONSIDER NEIL HARRIS ACCEPTABLE AS FOURTH ALTERNATE.

2. EMBASSY SUPPORTS THEIR VIEW THAT FOR THIS MAJOR ASIAN REGIONAL AREA STUDIES BICENTENNIAL SEMINAR, THE UNITED STATES SHOULD BE REPRESENTED BY AN AMERICAN SOCIOLOGIST OF LEADING STATURE. THEREFORE, REQUEST THAT DEPARTMENT ATTEMPT RECRUIT ONE OF THESE THREE PREFERRED SUBSTITUTES.
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